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left for his country after a sh
stay in Pakistan.

He had come here for a
fresher course.

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The Aim of Life

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says ; "Although all the Prophets who ever appeared in this world gave very detailed and lengthy instructions and dilated on the details of those instructions (the matters they dealt with were like the Unity of God, Culture, mutual relationship and the return to the next world—in short, every thing that human beings could stand in need of—was the subject matter of their instructions). Yet inspite of all the detailed teaching and guidance the basic aim of every Prophet has been that the people should get rid of the sins and shun every evil deed, that they should be wholly and solely for God. The real aim of the creation of humanbeings is that they should be for God and this is the very object towards which the Prophets have been guiding mankind, so that they may be able to get back their lost "Property" and their missed aim. Though there are many sins and these sins have many side issues, so much so that even a little negligence is also a sin, the biggest sin which deviates human beings from the real aim of their life, is associating others with God.

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FROM HAZRAT'S TALKS

On the 30th of August 1970, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih addressed the Ahmadi Doctors who had gathered at Rabwah from all over Pakistan. He explained to them what he intended to do in respect of his scheme to provide medical treatment to the Africans under the Nusrat Jahan Scheme and asked them to come forward and dedicate their lives for the betterment of human life. "Africa" he said, "is in dire need of medical men and we cannot lose sight of the fact that our message for the uplift of their souls should he accompanied by the help that we can render to them for the fitness of their bodies as well. It is real service to humanity and we have been raised in this Age for this kind of Service together with the establishment of man-God relationship."

So for as the requirements of the Jamaat in connection with putting this scheme into force was concerned, he said that God Himself was sending help miraculously ; our efforts he said could not do anything had it not been for the succour that God vouchsafes us. In fact the people have been surprised and it has filled us with the praises of God that in so short a time we have been able to achieve so much. Dilating on the aims and objects of the Health Centres in West Africa he remarked that all this was being done to help spread Islam. The main object, rather the sole object of the advent of the Promised Messiah was the establishment of Islam in the world firmly and whatever programmes of the Jamaat they are all centred round the same objective. The educational institutions that the Jamaat has opened in various parts of the world also have the same object in view, There the Jamaat tries to keep an Islamic atmosphere to make the Muslims better Muslims and to turn the Christians and pagans into Muslims through preaching and good example.

While Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was in West Africa he promised to the people over there that he would open more schools and Dispensaries and it was in fulfilment of that promise that the Nusrat Jahan Scheam had been inaugurated. He stressed the keeping of the promises.

Since service to Islam demands sacrifices of all kinds, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih told the Doctors, and through them to the whole community, that secrifices could be made possible only through belief in Allah and belief in the life hereafter. Sacrifices are actually like seeds that are sown in the ground and the seeds are sown in the ground only if one beleives that that is how the things grow and become abundant. Huzur quoted the instances of sacrifice from the Islamic history. The example of those who had received training at the hands of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him. They formed the nucleus and it was around them that the other people gathered and did wonderful works. The trust in God that was displayed by them was simply unmatched. In this connection he cited the example of Hazrat Saad bin Waqas who was leading an army against the Iranians and found that a bridge had been blown up. He was not deterred by it. He put his horse in the river and so did his soldiers with the consequence that the blowing up of the bridge did not avail the Iranians at all. They were overrun by Muslims.

Puting of the horse into the River was an act of trust in God

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A brief report of the

MAJLIS-I-SHOORA

(1972)

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The three day Majlis-i-Shoora, this year, was held on 31st of March, Ist and 2nd April. A brief report of the various sessions of the Majlis is presented below:

At the first session of the Majlis, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih told the audience, before the prayer, that they should pray for the supremacy of Islam. He remarked that our prayers for Pakistan were also offered with a view to strengthening Islam, for, in the strength of Pakistan definitely lay the strength of Islam.

Huzur reminded the audience that it was the duty of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat to continue praying for the onward march of Islam and also solidarity and prosperity of Pakistan. He also exhorted the members of the Jamaat to pray for the Jamaat as a whole, as well as for the individuals that God may protect them from all the evils, disgust and worries.

Huzur then called upon all those present to join him in prayers that the deliberations of the Majlis-i-Shoora may be a source of blessing for every one.

The prayer over, the Quaid Umumi, Majlis Ansarullah (Naseem Saifi) announced with the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih that Majlis Ansarullah, Martin Road, Karachi had been adjudged the best of all the Majalis during the last year. He then requested Huzur to award the *Alam-i-Inami* to the Zaeem of the said Majlis.

After this award, huzur made his inaugural speech in which he said, "the period during the last Majlis-i-Shoora and this one has been of very great importance. It has been important in the context of world politics and also with reference to what has taken place in Pakistan."

Huzur talked of the new turn that the international relations have taken ; the emergence of a third world power viz China. He praised the Chinese attitude towards other nations in that they took all of them as their equals and brothers, but warned that if they changed their mind and thought of ruling over others they would lose respect and suffer a fall.

As for Chairman Mao, Huzur remarked that he seemed to have studied the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, or at least it could be safely said that many of his views tallied with those mentioned in the Hadith ; it was a great credit to him, he said.

Huzur further remarked that Chairman Mao had laid stress on removing the contradictions. Islam has also emphaised this point. The Holy Quran is emphatically opposed to there being contradictions in one's thoughts and actions. God says that we should try to copy His attributes and absorb as much of good as we can.

It is in no case tolerable that one should express one's faith in God and also prostrate on the graves of the saints. It is clear contradiction. As also is bribery. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that one of the main reasons of downfall of individuals as well as that of nations is contradiction in their thoughts and actions. This is what must be avoided at all times and in

all the circumstances.

During the last year a great revolution had taken place, he said. A third power had emerged and now there are three big powers in the world instead of two. And this has laid great responsibilities on our shoulders. What we can do is pray to God that He may out of His great bounty, enable us to play our part creditably. It is only the Ahmadis who can think in this vein and who can realise the significance of bowing down before God at this juncture. Let all of us, Huzur said, pray to God that the world may be able to see the Manifestation of God's beauty and bounty.

So far as Pakistan is concerned the revolution that has taken place here makes every one shed tears of blood—the blood is still flowing. Half of the country has been lost, in fact, we have been cut into two, and we feel it very much.

Huzur told the audience that he had very fervently prayed for the country last year and he was told

واعلموا ان الله شديد العقاب

and when he continued praying he was told by God

قل ما يعبؤ ربى لولا دعاء كم

The fact is that unless and until people turn to God and obey His commandments they will continue suffering losses. It must never be lost sight of that those who perpetrate cruelty on others are always destined to be unsuccessful and they are punished. But when the cruel is punished it gives no pleasure to the true believer, for a believer never takes pleasure in the sorrows of others. Although the believer is sorry for those who are punished for their evil deeds, he prays for them that they may change and deserve the love of their Creator.

People are thinking of the Muslim Bengal; as to why it has been lost to us, but we must not forget that we are to turn the whole world into a Muslim Land. We are raised in this Age to spread Islam to all the corners of the world and to bring every soul into the fold of Islam. The people of East Pakistan deserve our prayers and we should also pray for West Pakistan that God may grant it solidarity and strength and make it a strong centre of the preaching of Islam.

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and without this trust the Muslim army would not have achieved anything.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that it was trust like this that the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, wanted his followers to inculcate in themselves, that is why the Promised Messiah siad, "he who has come to me (joined me) has really met the companions of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be up on him."

Huzur then made mention of some opposition and remarked that the history of Jamaat very clearly showed that acts of opposition gave it added strength.

CHAMPIONSHIP

The T. I. College, Rabwah has won the Inter-Collegiate Basket Ball Championship arranged by the University of the Punjab. The matches were played from IIth to 15th of April and the T. I. College had to defeat three teams before it could reach the Finals. The players of the T. I. College displayed a very splendid game through the matches and they received their due appreciations from the spectators who seemed to have been thrilled by the game, at times.

RABWAH DIARY

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Masjid Aqsa

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him, had always expressed an ambition that Rabwah, the Headquarters of the world wide Community should have a grand magnificent and spacious mosque. This ambiton has now been fulfilled with the completion of Masjid Aqsa, which has cost no less than one and a half millions of rupees. This mosque was formally opened by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III with offering Friday prayer on the 31st of March the first day of the three-day Majlis-i-Shoora.

The Mosque was full to its capacity so far as the roofed area is concerned—and quite a large number of people had to take their seats in the open space.

Huzur began the Khutba with the verses of the Holy Quran which refer to the re-building of the Ka'aba by Hazrat Ibrahim and his son Hazrat Ismael and remarked that basically there were three buildings which could be called the original mosques—the Ka'aba, the Masjid of the Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and the Masjid Aqsa (which is mentioned in the Holy Quran). These are the mosques which have become blessed through their connection with the Holy Prophet who was the epitome or essence of humanity. All other mosques, he said, were Reflection (Zill) of these mosques and it is through these mosques that the mosques all over the world become the sources of blessings. "This mosque that we have built" he said, "is also a reflection (Zill) of those three mosques and its doors are open to all those who worship one and only God."

In the end he prayed to God that this mosque may also continue to be the source of blessings and that the people may always throng to it for prayer and supplication and those who have participated in the act of its building, one way or the other, and those who have prayed for its completion, may be blessed by God and their efforts may be accepted by Him.

The Prophet Day

The Prophet Day, like every where else in the world, was celebrated in Pakistan also on the 27th of April.

At Rabwah, the meeting was held at the Masjid Mubarak under the chairmanship of Maulana Abul Ata, Additional Nazir, Islaho-Irshad (Ta'limul Quran). The Speakers were Maulana Abdul Karim Sharma, Maulvi Mohammad Jalal Shams, Prof. Basharat-ur-Rahman, Nazir-i-Talim and Sufi Mohammad Ishaq. The topics discussed by the speakers were the exalted status of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, in the eyes of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, the love of the Holy Prophet displayed in his writings (prose and poetry) by the Promised Messiah, and teachings of the Holy Prophet and the solution of the world problems.

Some poems were also recited during the meeting. The Chairman, in his closing remarks drew the attention of the audience to the fact that the followers of the Holy Prophet must never lose sight of the ties of brotherhood which the Holy Prophet had told them to keep in tact. He cited the instance of the help of the Ansar for the Muhajir after the

Holy Prophet had migrated to Medina and joined all his followers in brotherhood. The Ansar offered to share their belongings with the Muhajir so much so that they were prepared to divorce some of their wives so that the Muhajir could marry them.

On the other hand the Muhajir thanked the Ansar and just wanted to know how they could earn their livelihood. They were only eager to know the way to the market so that they could trade and do some labour and maintain themselves. Maulana Abul Ata said that it was of vital importance for all of us that we should strengthen the ties of brotherhood.

A sielent prayer brought the meeting to close.

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The Chinese Ambassador

The Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan accompanied by his Third Secretary paid a visit to Rabwah on Monday the 17th of April 1972. He was very warmly received by the citizens of Rabwah near the Masjid Mubarak and was escorted by some dignitaries to the Guest House of the Tahrik-i-Jadid. On his arrival, he was welcomed by the people with the slogans in Arabic and Chinese language-Ahlan wa Sahlan wa Marhaba and Quan Yin.

The way from the main road to the Guest House was richly decorated with the flags of Pakistan and China and the school children were also holding these flags to wave on his arrival.

While at Rabwah he visited the main offices of the Jamaat, the educational institutions and the Khilafat Library. He seemed to have been very much impressed by the discipline and the magnificent institutions. He was entertained to a Dinner attended by Hazrat Khalifaful Masih and some dignitaries of the town, at the Aiwan-i-Mahmud.

His Excellency was very much pleased to meet the missionaries who have worked in various parts of the world for a number of years. It gave him a happy surprise to know that the Ahmadiyya Missions were working for Islam almost all over the world.

A presentation of books on Islam was made which His Excellency was pleased to receive and remarked that he would be glad to read them and know more about Islam.

Your Publications

According to a news item published in the Daily Jang, Karachi, the Mohammad Bin Qasim Library is arranging an exhibition of the Islamic newspapers and Magazines collected from all over the world.

The Editors of all such newspapers as carry articles on Islamic topics and are basically published for the benefit of the Muslims and all those interested in the study of Islam, should please arrange for the dispatch of the specimen copies of their publication to the said Library.

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The Muslim World

The President Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, took oath of his office as the first President elected by the people and heading the civilian Government, at Rawalpindi, on the 21st of April 1972. He was sworn in by the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

The President pledged to uphold concept of Pakistan and to safeguard the constitution of the country, he also pledged to do all he could to put the nation on the road to progress and to keep the interests of the counnty over and above all other interests. In a half hour speech after being sworn in, the President Bhutto congratulated the common man of Pakistan for, he said, that it was a great occasion for them to have a constitution for the first time since the independence of the country. He told the audience that all the promises that he had made with the people would certainly he fulfilled. Talking about the prisoners of war, the President remarked that India was keeping the prisoners of war unlawfully. As for the Indian Prisoners of war who are in Pakistan, the President said, that if demanded by the Government of India he would realese them without any delay. He remarked that he did not like the relatives of the Indian prisoners to continue waiting for them for long time. He felt for them very much, he said.

No less than a million people attended the ceremony of swearing in of the President of Pakistan.

A Clinic,

The New Nigerian 12-2-72 reported the opening of a clinic in ihe following words :

Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission opens first clinic in Benue Plateau

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission of Nigeria has opened a health clinic in Bukuru as part of its plan to build 16 institutions of learning and ten medical centres.

Speaking at the ceremony which was attended by many distinguished Muslims the Amir and Missionary incharge of the Organisation in Bukuru, Maulvi F. I. Anwari, said that the clinic was the first to be opened in Lagos and in Kano states. He assured that the services of the clinic would be made available to the general public.

The Maulvi then expressed his profound gratitude to the Government of Benue Plateau State, espacially the State's Ministry of Health for "their ready support and co-operation."

In his address, the Benue Plateau State Commissioner for Health Mr. Smith Inji Shama, who performed the official opening of the clinic, expressed his gratitude to the Ahmadiyya Mission for their contribution to the development of the state in particular, and the country as a whole.

He added that it was his ministry's intention to give full assistance to all private medical establishments in their efforts to meet the growing medical needs of the people.

Before the opening of the Clinic, Maulana F.I. Anwari addressed the audience thus :

"Honourable Commissioner :

I am extremely happy to welcome you at this occasion of the opening of this clinic which is the first to be opened by our organisation in this State. It was in April last year when the Supreme Head of our Organisation, the World Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, was on the tour of the West African countries that he announced to open 16 Institutions of higher education and 10 Medical centres in the Federation as his contribution to

the development of the country in Educational and Medical fields.

The present Clinic which is the first step towards a fullfledged hospital with all modern equipments and medical facilities in the near future, is a practical fulfilment of this scheme.

It is worthy of mention Hon: Commissioner that our Mission, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Nigeria, which is a branch of World Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam with its centre at Rabwah, Pakistan, is basically a charitable organisation with meagre financial resources mainly drawn from the voluntary contributions of its few mission members, perhaps none of whom is millionaire, but who knows how to make sacrifices in the cause of religion and for the sake of humanity at large. This is why when a fund was announced by the Spiritual Leader of our organization, members all over the world including those belonging to the Nigerian branch responded whole-heartedly and this is how we have been able to implement a part of the scheme meant for the West Africa.

Fourteen qualified doctors have already started working under this scheme in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Gambia. An equal number of higher educational institutions have been opened in these countries, two of them in Nigeria.

Our Clinic at Bukuru, the first to be opened in this State, is not the first in Nigeria. Two Clinics—one in Lagos and the other in Kano—have been operating successfully for the last ten years. Our clinic at Kano, housed in its own building has been equipped with most modern apparatus like X-Ray, Diathermy Physiotherapy and electrocadiogram. Two more, one at Ikare in the Western State and the other at Kabba in the Kwara State, have been approved and will soon start operating. A religious body and a humanitarian organisation as we are, our services will be extended to all and sundry without fear or favour and without any discrimination, whatsoever. We are of the opinion that, like education, health is one of the primary needs and one of the basic rights of every individual. Moreover only in a healthy body dwells a healty brain. So much of the country's economic, moral and intellectual progress depends upon the standards of health acquired by its people.

At the same time we believe in what the Holy Founder of Islam has said :i.e., there is not a single disease for which no cure has been created. Thus to use medicine as an effort to seek treatment for any physical ailment is just to help the laws of nature to follow their usual course and is in full conformity with the divine ordination.

In the end, I must thank whole-heartedly, the Government of Benue Plateau State, especially Honourable Mr. S. I. Shammah, Commissioner for Health, his Ministry and all its officials, who have been giving us full co-operation since the very inception of the plan, and who have given their ready approval for this humanitratian work which will go a long way in helping to promote health in this part of the State.

I also render my sincere thanks to the Chief of Jos, Mr. Fom Bot, and Cheif of Bukuru, Mallam Suleiman Mohammad, who have contributed a lot to make this venture a success.

The Hon. Commissioner, on this occassion said :

"Amir, Ahmadiyya Clinic Muslim Nigeria, distinguished Guests, Ladies and Genetlemen ! Today has marched another step in the medical history of this State. As the Amir has mentioned in his speech today, we in this State must be most grateful to his organization which made possible for us to get this most desirable

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Clinic. Since the Creation of this State, the Government of Benue Plateau State has embarked on a programme of expanding all our medical and health services. Most of our existing hospitals are now being expanded. There are plans to establish new ones, and a number of health centres are under construction. This goes to show the utmost importance the Government of Benue Plateau State attaches to her medical and health services. Our modern society today demands for more sacrifice from various organisations towards our essential services and I, therefore, express our indebtedness to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission for the sacrifice in making this clinic available for the use of mankind. We make generous contribution to the various private organisations as like this clinic established by the Muslim Mission. Our medical and health services will be available to everyone. I need to mention that there are about 8 hospitals in this State which were established and are being run by the various private organisations. There are also clinics on and round the same basis. My Ministry have been doing all she could towards these medical institutions in their great effort to meet with our medical needs. We shall, however, achieve more in the medical field through the descreational efforts of the private organisations. With these few words I now declare this Clinic open, with the hope that we shall benefit from it and once more I express our most profound gratitude to the Ahmadiyya Mission for its generous contribution towards this Scheme.

"I pray my gratitude to Allah for this wonderful help which He has rendered to the Muslims by establishing this Clinic which we are now going to open. We should try to see that you treat patients whoever comes here for the Need. Try to see that you give them the necessary drugs which cure their own disease. Try to see that you treat whoever comes here irrespective of whether he is a Muslim, a Christian or of whatever religion he might be. Try to see that you treat them equally and by so doing I believe that Almighty Allah is going to bless you.

"At this minute and in the name of Allah I declare this hospital open."

A School

With the grace of God, the Ahmadiyya Mission, Nigeria has started the Building of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School at Gusau (North Westren State).

The report of the laying of the foundation stone by the North Westren State Commissioner for Education Alhaj Ibrahim Gusau, was sent to the local press in the following words;

At a dignified and an impressive ceremony, the N. W. State Commissioner for Education, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, representing His Excellency Alhaji Usman Faruk, the Military Governor, Alhaji laid the foundation stone of Fazl-i-Umar Ahmadiyyy Sec. School building at its permanent site at Kaura Namoda Road, Gusau.

High government officials including the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Alhaji Mohammad Bello and a large crowd attended the ceremony.

Immediately after his arrival at the site, the Commissioner accompanied by the Principal, watched an impressive display and a general salute presented by the school scouts.

The ceremony started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by a school student and was followed by a student's speech in Arabic to welcome the Commissioner.

On behalf of the Amir Maulvi F. I. Anwari, the Amir designate and Missionary Incharge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Nigeria, Maulvi Mohammad Ajmal Shahid, addressing His Excellency in absentia, thanked the govern-

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ment of North Western State for their cooperation and assistance. He said at present the Mission is bearing all expenses incurred by the school but he appealed to the government for its own quota of financial assistance for further development of the school.

The Principal of the School, Mr. M. I. Wasim, presenting his address of welcome outlined the future plans of the school. He said at present the school is following a 5 year course leading to West African School Certificate but later on a technical section will also be added. The school's future projects include 20 classrooms, 8 dormatories, 3 labs, an administration and a library block, an assembly hall and a mosque together with other amenities. On completion of the plans for which he hopes the Ahmadiyya Mission as well as the Government of N. W. State will give financial help, the school will become a 3 stream boarding institution.

Replying to the Principal's address of welcome, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, thanked the Principal and the staff for the warm welcome accorded to him and expressed his appreciation of the progress made by the school so far and its future expansion and extension programme. He said that his state is doing everything possible to further the cause of education, and until now 12 new secondary schools have been opened after the creation of the State.

After laying the foundation stone, the Commissioner unveiled the commemoratory plaque. Towards the end of the ceremony the gathering rose to sing the national anthem conducted by the school head boy. It was followed by the closing prayer which was led by the Amir and Missionary Incharge designate of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Nigeria.

The Commissioner, while performing the ceremony of the foundation stone addressed the invitees thus ;

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very pleased to be here this afternoon to perform the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone at the building of the Fazle Omar Secondary School, Gusau. I would like to thank you, Principal, for your address of welcome, and I am pleased to note your assurances and pledges on the work of this school. I am also pleased to see further evidence of the continued growth of education in this State.

I am sure you are all aware of the vital importance of education in the life of this State ; no country in the world can hope to progress without a well educated well trained and well disciplined source of manpower. My Ministry has in the last three years endeavoured to expand the education system of the State to provide this source of manpower. I am very proud of the fact that we have opened 12 new post primary institutions since the creation of State. Half of these have been Teacher Training institutions which themselves serve us to provide the teachers for yet further expansion.

Nor have we forgotten and forsaken the traditional education, my Ministry has contributed through grants-in-aid to the great expansion of Islamic Education. I would like to tell you that we have plans for a further extension of Arabic and Islamic Institutions, and I hope that these plans will come to fruition very soon. I think that it is likely that we may see a better atmosphere in our schools and colleges if we do try to incorporate what is best from our traditions with modern knowledge and build a school system which reflects what the people want.

I have for some time been very concerned about the atmosphere in schools in this State. I know you will all agree with me when I say

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that we have grown tired of hearing of disturbances in schools and colleges. I am convinced that there is a great need for hard work in schools and colleges. I think if students were to realise this and get on with this hard work they would have little or no time for strikes and demonstrations.

The Principal has said that the school has a five year course leading to the West Africa School Certificate. I make no apologies for repeating this, I mean you students have to fully understand it.

The WASC examination can only be passed if you are prepared to work for five years. Too often I think students feel that they can be successful in this examination after five *minutes* work in their final year. This is not so.

At the very beginning of this School's life I suggest that you the foundation students, should make a pledge between yourselves to ensure that you will establish for once and for all a tradition of diligence, and perseverance that will standout for all students who follow you.

On this your foundation ceremony day I take the opportunity of wishing you all, staff and students alike, the very best of luck in your endeavours, may your work be crowned with success.

Thank you.

Holy Quran Week

The Additional Nazir Islaho Irshad has announced that Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III has granted permission to observe 20th May to 26th of May as the Holy Quran Week. The Jamaats have been asked to hold daily meetings during this period, and to acqaint the Jamaat with the following subjects through brief speeches.

The subjects are ;

1. Special features of the Holy Quran.
2. The Proof of the day of Resurrection according to the Holy Quran.
3. The teachings of the Holy Quran on the subject of obedience to parents and their due respect.
4. How to become righteous.
5. The symptoms of hypocrisy.
6. The Principles that the Holy Quran lays down to recognise a claimant to prophethood.

When babies quarrel

Though two-year old babies like to play together, they are not capable of getting along too well. At that age they are not yet prepared to give as well as to take and this naturally results in tears and fights.

When two-year olds play together, a grownup should be present to solve their conflicts, and, when necessary, to separate them, saying for instance: "Baby mustn't hurt anybody!" At that age, children must understand that they shall never be allowed to fight, bite, kick.

It is useless to blame one of the children for beginning the fight. In most cases it is impossible to establish who is right, particularly if you have not witnessed their game. The best way of making peace among them is to divert their attention.

Instead of telling them to stop fighting, or lecturing them ("why can't you play without quarrelling?"), which will do no good at all, just separate them and suggest another, more interesting game.

Children mostly quarrel over toys. It is useless to try to find out who played with it first, and to re-establish justice in that way. Just see to it that the object of the quarrel is appears. You can say: "And now it's my turn to play with this toy" or "shouldn't we let this toy have its nap?"

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Ahmadiyya Conference in Sierra Leone

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The twenty-third annual conference of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Sierra Leone was yesterday formally opened by the Amir and Missionary-in-charge of the Movement, Maulvi M. S. Sahid at the Ahmadiyya School Compound in Bo.

In his Address, Maulvi Sahid stated that the two most important aspects of Islam—man's relationship with God and his relationship with his fellow man—were infinite in character. He affirmed that just as our relationship with God and our aspiration for spiritual devotion had no bounds, man's love and service to his fellow human beings must be unlimited.

The Amir reviewed the work done by the Ahmadiyya Movement in the spiritual, medical and educational fields during the past year and outlined the mission's programme of work for the ensuing year. He called on members of the Movement to contribute generously to the Mission's fund so as to help build more mosques, schools and health centres in the country.

Maulvi Sahid offered special prayers for peace and prosperity in the nation and unity and solidarity in the entire Muslim world.

In his annual report, the General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Sierra Leone, Alhaji M. K. Bongay, commended the Sierra Leone Jamaat for the generous contribution they made to their Nigerian counterparts after the civil war. The conference continues tomorrow with lectures and discussions on various Islamic and other religious topics.

The following report was read by the secretary general, Report for the year 1971

Mr. Chairman, distinguised guest, our worthy, Amir, Jamaats
Assalamu Alaikum !

As an addendum to the most aspiring, reviving, and sagacious address of welcome we have received from the Amir, Maulana M. S. Shahid, we the Ahmadis in the Republic of Sierra Leone now salute and extend our felicitations, good wishes, and prosperity to you all for the year 1972.

My humble self is once again conferred this opportunity to give an account of the various activities, projects etc. embarked upon, or accomplished by this mission in 1971.

Missionary Activity :

Our small band of seasoned missionaries comprising Alhaj Maulvi M. A. Zabih, Maulvi M. A. Bashir, Maulvi N. D. Mehman, Maulvi A. R. Khalid, - regional missionaries ; Alpha Musa Sowa, Alhaj Foday Salehu, Mr. Abdul Karim Jebril, Mr. Abass Kamara and Mr. Ibrahim Bah - Local missionaries, toured extensively the country throughout the year. They held Jamaat meetings, gave public lectures, distributed literature on Islam, organized evening classes for the young and old, and by their concerted efforts captured the minds of 415 souls, who by Allah's grace have joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

Ten new communities were founded in Tonkolili, Port Loko, Bonthe and Kenema Districts. As the number of these misrionaries is hardly enough to cope with the entire country members of our Jamaat set aside a fraction of their valuable time during the year to do voluntary Tabligh.

To this end, the following Brethren dedicated for two weeks and were dispatched by the Amir :—Pa Alpha Sheriff (Bo) — Pujehun district, Pa Saidu Bangura (Bo) Sanda, Rokpur and Koya area : Pa Jalloh, (Bo) Tonkolili district, Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Nazir (Principal Joru) Bo area ; Mr.

A. S. Zafar & family—Gloucester, Leicester and Godrich. Mr. Ata-ul-Rahim—Gbado. Messrs. L. R. Mahmood and Munir Ahmad—Koribondo. Messrs. Mukhtar Ahmad Qamar, Abdul Karim Qamer, Lunsar ; Masters Samuka, Abdul Karim Qamar, Lunsar ; Masters Samuka, Abdulai Feika and Ismael Foday—students Joru Secondary School were posted to Koribondo and Levuma.

The venture was very successful. May Allah accept their endeavour and bless them.

Festivals

Added to this routine work, we held meetings and different centres to commemorate some Festivals incorporated with our Muslim Calendar. These were—Muslih Maoud-Day-observed at Freetown, Bo and Boajibu on 20th February 197: (ii) Promised Messiah Day 23rd March 1971 celebrated Freetown, Bo and Boajibu (iii) Khilafat Day, 27th May 1971, Maulid Nabi, Edul-Fitr and Edul Adha observed in all centres. Those gatherings established a real re-union of members and incentive, and impect on the minds of our wellwishers. Our worthy Amir, Head of affairs was a much travelled man throughout the year. His voice was popular in Sierra Leone Radio, T. V., for Juma Broadcast in Muslim Meditations discussion programmes. As a writer, he clarified the Islamic points of view on some controvasial subjects in Unity, Nation and the African Crescent publications. Accepted invitions and lectured at the Bible College Joi, and C. K. C. Bo Chaired executive and Board of Governor meetings. Honoured State functions ; met diplomatic corps ; offered on your behalf as gift, the translations of the Holy Quran and some books on Islam to Vice President Hon. S. I. Koroma. The Resident Minister Northern Province, the Secretary Embassy of the Lebanon, Ex-Mayor Fata Rahman, to the Sierra Leone Library Freetown, the Fourah Bay College—the University of Sierra Leone, to name a few.

Shoora

Seventy two delegates representing all branches of our community attended Shoora—Annual Consultative Council at Bo on Sunday December 6, 1971. A review of the past and future plan of the mission was studied. A realistic and practicable resolution was reached. It was observed that whereas the date for Annual Conference does not now coinside with Ramadan and February being the season to start upland farming and a period for harvest on the mangrove swamp on the Scarcies and Boli lands in Bombali, the date should be reverted to December to facilitate attendance by all and sundry.

Referesher Course

A nine day Refresher course was conducted in Bo last year in August. This was opened by Amir Maulvi M. S. Shahid and supervised by Maulvi M. A. Bashir then incharge Bo missiou, Maulvi Abdul Karim Jebril stood first in the test and Mr. Abass Kamara of Magburaka came second.

Kenema Show

The Vice President and Prime Minister Honourable S. I. Koroma and entourage inspected our Exhibits ranging from Holy Quran English translation, Hadiths, Books on Ahmadiyya Movement, Education, and many other items on the Kenema Show grounds in December last year. Never before did we received such—throng at our stall. It should be noted that our participation in such a national fair was not to advertise commercially ; rather it was an opportunity to acquaint more fully the people what Ahmadiyyat stands for. The Amir and his team—Maulvis Alhaj M.A. Zahlb, A.R. Khalid, Abdul Karim Jebril, Musa Sowa—put in a twenty-four-hour non stop duty for three consecutive days, entertaining answering questions, and hearing cogent and friendly discussions on Religion with the visitors. The archi-

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tect was our brother Mubarak Ahmad Sahib, Principal of the Joru Secondary School. The mission commend and credit their devotion for service rendered

Nigeria Gift

When the giant Democracy of Nigeria was shattered by Civil War 1966-1969, our Ahmadi brothers in the Eastern State. which was Ojuku—Biafra have since remained in misery and poverty. An appeal from the President of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat of the Oweri Region, met with magnanimous response from our Jamaats. Unavoidable circumstance at the Headquarters impede as extending the appeal to all circuits. Yet on your behalf the Bo and Freetown Jamaats sent through the Amir a-three big bag load of apparels to Oweri. The appeal is still on. We look forward for your participation to share the blessing already gained by Freetown and Bo members

Health Centre

The visit of His eminence, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III in May, 1970 was an epoch which opened new horizon for progress, determination and service to our follow men, society, and nation. In a press Conference held at the Lodge at Hill Station, Freetown on Wednesday 13th May, 1970, Hazrat has this to say I quote ;

"Sierra Leone is one of the six West African countries to benifit from a Le 200,000, Medical and Educational project to be undertaken by the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. Our mission of service has been the need for many more medical in Sierra Leone. We are scnding out some more qualified doctors who will volunteer to do service in the hinterland and serve the villages. Ahmadiyya Movement will also establish more Primary and High Schools. We are here to do service and maintain the moral, spiritual and physical health of the country."

Unquoted :

To this end, it is my pleasure to announce that we now run three Clinics at Joru, Boajibu and Rokupr. And a new Secondary School at Rokupr under this scheme launched by Hazur under the name of Nusrat Jehan. We started operation at Joru on June ., the guest speaker at the fuction was Hon. F. S. Anthony Residence Minister Southren Province. Boajibu Clinic had its humble beginning on June 6, and graced officially on 3rd July by Hon. C. P. Foray the then Minister of Health. Rukupr came into being on August 8, and received its blessing from Hon. B. Mansaray the Residence Minister of the North as guest speaker

All these inaugural function that were well attended by the elite paramount chiefs, District Officers Members of Parliament and a very huge crowd, witnhssed the display of traditional dances of the people of the area. It is gratifying to report that the three Honourable guests speakers had thunderous ovation from the masses and received splendid receptions from the Jamaat. They all paid glowing tribute to the Mission and promised Government support.

We owe gratitude to Paramount chief Gbatekaka and his people of Joru, to Hon. P. C. Gamanga J. P. and the inhabitants of Simbaru-we say Many thanks to P.C. Bai Farama of Magbema and Hon. S. I. Kebe Rokupr-Congratulations. These noble men assisted by the people stood by us in thick and thin in the hour of need to accomplish our desire.

Within the period - August to December 18,608 have received treatment from the three Health Centres. 4,236 poor people were treated freely. Data is as follows :

(i) **Joru Clinic**

Dr. M. Aslam Jahangiri M. B. B. S. treated 2972 Free

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treatment 236.

(ii) **Boajibu**

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Choudri M.B.B.S. FRSc. treated 4736, 2000 free.

(ii) **Rokupr**

Dr. S. M. Hassan M.B B.S. 8200, 2,000 received free treatment.

It could not bee denied that the large number of patients treated within this short period is primarily due to the efficiency of our doctors and the very low treatment free charged non of its kind by any private doctor or by a private Health Centre in the country. Dr. Tali Mahmood and wife both M.B.B.S. are expected soon to start the Fourth Nusrat Jehan Clinic at Masingbi in Tonkolili district. My people ! the seed has been planted ! it has germinated. It must grow and yield fruits. This is the challenge before you.

Education

Today we maintain five secondary Schools. Four assisted by Government. The fifth - i.e. Rokupr Secondary School started on the 10th October, 1971 is being financed by the mission through the Nusrat Jehan. The total number of students in the five schools is 1,500 Freetown and Joru, Boajibu, and Rokupr schools are co-educational Bo is boys only. Boarders are accepted in Bo, Joru and Boajibu Some extention and construction work was carried out during the year. Freetown school constructed a modern staff quarter, a wire netted fence round the campus and improved grounds.

At Bo two staff quarters are nearing completion. The environment was modernised ; a first class soccer ground is being prepared and a fence. We have gone half way on our huge project—"The five room double storey buildings to house Boarders etc. at Joru" on staff quarter was built. We now have a well developed Biology and Chemistry Laboratory in this school. Boajibu is now a category 11 schools. A new boarding house for girls is complete. The Biology Laboratery was fully catered for. While we wait for government approval plans are underway by this mission to open two more new secondary schools in the very near future at Joi and Kenema.

Examination Results

On the whole the performance of our pupils in the O'Level exams was very satisfactory. One of the best results of the year, came from the Freetown Ahmadiyya Secondary School. 60% of candidates that appeared for the exams had full certificates. The rest with credits in two and three subjects. There was no failure all had good units in Islamic Religions Knowledge. Our boys and girls topped the list for better performance in Science subjects.

The Mission is satisfied with this sector and optimistic that with more encouragement and hard work we shall rank among the best schools in the country. We salute and congratulate Princiapl and staff of these schools for the standard set.

The Ahmadiyya Secondary school Bo observed last year May 11, as as public Holiday in comemoration of the Day Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalitatul Masih III visited Bo during his tour. A function was held sponsored by the Principal Mr. Anwar Hassan, the Chairman was the Amir Maulvi M. S. Shahid. This date coincide with the arrival of Dr. Aslam Jahangiri from Pakistan the first Ahmadiyya Doctor assigned Joru. He had the privilege to be among the large audience that attended this occasion.

His Excellency the President of Sierra Leone Dr. Siaka P. Steven paid a visit to Ahmadiyya Secondary School Bo on 2nd December 1972.

The President in replying the welcome address by the Principal, congratulated the Ahmadiyya Mission for the assistance they are rendering

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to the Education development of the nation and the new venture they have (undertaken to provide hospitals and clinics) in the far flung parts of the country.

3000 children attended the 21 primary schools run by this Mission in 1971. Through the untiring effort of our Ahmadi brother Mr. Collier and the Jamaats we were able to open another Primary School at Koribondo Paramount chief Foday Kai, "the Doyen of traditional rulers in Jiama-Bongo chiefdom was guest speaker at Koribondo. The occasion was Jiama-Bongo chiefdom was guest speaker at Koribondo. The occasion was attended by some hundreds of Ahmadis and distinguished guests. Minor and some major repair work was done on Lunsar, Sanya, Kabala, Serekolia, Mile 47, Malaisoko, Baiima and Boajibu Schools. Freetown Mokainsumana, and Blama schools needs urgent attention. Boama, Godrich and Njama schools are in the waiting list to open when we receive government approval.

Bo Mosque

We commend the great sacrifice of our people in cash and labour towards the Bo Central Mosque. The importance of this mosque to our community cannot be over emphasized. For it is known to all that the Foundation Stone was laid by Hazrat himself. We record with satisfaction the zeal, authusiasm, time and labour undertaken by our brother Mr Mubark Nazir Ahmad-Principal of Joru, towards this construction work. We also cherished the great effort exhibited by our Missionaries, the Amir, the President Hon. P.C. N.K. Gamango and Secretary General on the regard. The estimated cost of the mosque when complete shall be about Le 30,000. We have not yet got half way through. We are hopeful that with your generous co-operation we shall soon complete. Gbewobu and Kenema Mosques, are under construction. Levuma and Yele Mosques are now completed. Konia mosque was dedicated to the service of Allah by the Amir in December

Arrivals

We welcome back to Sierra Leone Maulvi N. D. Mehman, We wish him another successful tour. The mission paid host during the year to many distinguished guests. Some of these were His Excellency Mr. S. A. Moid, Pakistan High Commissioner, Mr. T.B. Fon-Commissiner of Labour-Gambian-Secretary General of Ahmadiyya Jamaats-Gambia. A nine-man Trade delegation from Pakistan, Mr. Rafiq, a German Ahmadi and some ministers of the Sierra Leone Government.

Masters Kallon and Sesay shall complete a three year Missionary Training Course at the Ahmadiyya Missionary Training Centre Ghana in March this year. We expect them to join us soon. Another group shall be selected to be sent to Ghana for training.

Hajj Alhaj Yahya Kamara, President of our Jamaat Rokupr and Haja Nagbera Adams have returned from Mecca safely. We wish them good health and prosporous 1972.

Obituary

I regret to report the sad event lose by death of five of our prominent members last year. They were: Pa Morlai Mohamed Feika-Serabu, Pa Ibrahim Genda-Baiima, Pa Sam Goldsmith-Mono kotuhu Amidu Koroma-Yebei and Yaguba-Nallo-Segbwema. May their souls rest in peace.

Mr. Chairman, what I have narrated is a gist or brief out line of the activities undertaken by this mission last year. The missionaries, our Principals, and perhaps other office bearers may agree with me that any attempt to bring in this report all that was carried out, will not suit the time provided, and may be too long for listening in an occasion like this.

I therefore thank you all for listening and on behalf of the Amir and Executive again launch this appeal for generous donations inorder to accomplish the task ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Alhaj M. Kamanda-Bongay,

(General Secretary). 11.2.72.